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## **REMARKS**

In the Office Action, the Examiner noted that claims 1-5 and 8-25 were pending, and rejected claims 1-5 and 8-25. Claims 2, 4, 10, 12-14, 16, 18, 20-22 and 24 have been amended and, thus, in view of the forgoing claims 1-5 and 8-25 remain pending for reconsideration which is requested. No new matter has been added. The Examiner's rejections are traversed below.

In the Office Action the Examiner rejected claims 2, 4, 5, 10, 12-14, 16, 18, 20-22 and 24 under 35 U.S.C. section 112 paragraph 2 as indefinite and provided a suggestion for change thereof. The claims have been amended in consideration of the Examiner's comments and it is submitted they satisfy the requirements of the statute. If additional concerns with the claims arise, the Examiner is invited to telephone to resolve the same. Withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

It is submitted that the claims are not taught, disclosed or suggested by the prior art. The claims are therefore in a condition suitable for allowance. An early Notice of Allowance is requested.

If any further fees, other than and except for the issue fee, are necessary with respect to this paper, the U.S.P.T.O. is requested to obtain the same from deposit account number 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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